

**IN THE CLAIMS**

A clean set of pending claims is attached as Exhibit A to this Amendment.

Please cancel claims 18-24 without prejudice to re-filing.

Please add the following claims:

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25. A product incorporating a tear-resistant laminate, the tear-resistant laminate comprising:

an elastic polymeric film;

a first nonwoven web bonded to a first surface of the elastic polymeric film, the first nonwoven web formed of nonelastic thermoplastic fibers and having a machine direction and a transverse direction, wherein the first nonwoven web has been consolidated in the transverse direction before being bonded to the elastic polymeric film;

a second nonwoven web bonded to a second surface of the elastic polymeric film opposite the first surface, the second nonwoven web formed of nonelastic thermoplastic fibers and having a machine direction and a transverse direction, wherein the second nonwoven web has been consolidated in the transverse direction before being bonded to the elastic polymeric film; and

wherein the tear-resistant laminate has not been further substantially consolidated after assembly.

26. The product of claim 25 wherein the first nonwoven web has an ultimate force to break of greater than 1500 g/in in said transverse direction.